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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (Rules 136 and 17(a)-(d))

Outstanding Office Action Mailed Mailed October 26, 2005 Original Period for Response Expired January 26, 2006 Request for Extension of 1 Month(s) to February 27, 2006 Sml. Ent. Petn. Fee Enc.: \$60.00 (1 month)

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Sir:

In the above application, applicants respectfully petition that the period for response to the outstanding Office Action indicated above be extended for the additional month also indicated above. The Applicant submits that this response is timely if filed on February 27, 2006 since February 26, 2006 is a Sunday. A response to such Office Action and the above Petition Fee (Small Entity) are enclosed herewith. (This extension will not extend the time over the statutory period of six months from the date of the Office Action.)

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